

Kentucky Environmental Education Council

**Summer Meeting October 27, 2004
Berry Hill Mansion – Frankfort, KY**

Minutes of the Meeting

Members Present: Horace Brown, Frances Carter, Robin Chandler, Yvonne Meichtry, Evelyn Morgan

Members not present: Greg Higdon, Jeff Hohman, Kurt Mason

Staff: Jane Eller, John LeFevre

Mr. Brown, the Council Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Since there was a quorum, a motion to approve the Summer meeting minutes was made by Evelyn Morgan and was seconded by Frances Carter.

Budget - Mr. LeFevre informed the members that as of FYE 10-21-2004 the KEEC spent at least \$38,850 of its allotted budget, which is about on target for this time in the fiscal year.

Follow-up from meeting with Cabinet Secretaries - Ms. Eller discussed the agency's request for \$1.5 million, which she made as a follow up proposal from the September meeting with Secs. Fox and Wilcher and Commissioner Wilhoit. That request went to the EPP Cabinet but the Education Cabinet's legislative liaison is working with us on that. Wade suggested that Jane also try to make a presentation before the Ag and Natural Resources committee.

Fundraising Needs – Ms. Eller informed the Council that she had offered to write a proposal on behalf of KUPÉE for CPE funds related to the No Child Left Behind program, but that KUPÉE had decided to work on their own to do so.

Certification Revisions and Next Classes – Ms. Eller informed the Council that there would be concurrent EE nonformal certification programs in 2005. One would be tailored for nonformal educators statewide, while the other would tailor itself to nonformal educators in Jefferson County. Class locations were yet to be determined and brochures were being printed to market both programs to prospective students. Ms. Eller also notified Council members that students would be asked to pay a \$50 registration fee. She said that focus groups would be held to evaluate this year's course and then a meeting would be held in January to make adjustments to the program, based on suggestion from those focus groups.

KUPÉE and the EE Endorsement – Dr. Meichtry announced that the EE endorsement for Northern Kentucky University was in the process of being approved by the Education

Professional Standards Board and would consist of four courses totaling 12 hours. Ms. Eller noted that Murray State's endorsement in environmental education was also on the waiting list to be approved.

Website – Mr. LeFevre discussed the website and the fact that the Cabinet was to have its own Webmaster now. We are hoping to make a number of changes to the site when that new assistance is available. Ms. Eller said that John had taught himself a great deal about the website and was already able to make needed changes to the site.

Youth Environmental Summit – Ms. Eller cited lack of time and most importantly lack of funding as reasons why the 2005 Youth Environmental Summit might be cancelled. Ms. Eller said that a collaborative unit of study might be more systemic alternative to the summit. It would incorporate all the topics covered in the summit, but could reach a much broader audience of teachers and students.

Green Schools Project – Ms. Eller said that, after the Council's meeting in September with the Cabinet Secretaries and Commissioner Wilhoit, she had scheduled a follow up meeting with Commissioner Wilhoit. At that meeting it was decided to explore the idea of creating a "Green Schools" designation for Kentucky. Commissioner Wilhoit promised to support these efforts. Council staff will begin work on that this fall.

Old Business – Mr. Brown asked if there were any more old or new business. There being none, the meeting was adjourned.

A next meeting was scheduled for January 26th, 2005.

Approved
Wm. Horace Brown, Chair

Date

Respectfully Submitted
Jane W. Eller
Executive Director

Date